Medical Sciences, Imphal for taking up this programme; and

(d) if so, whether it would be taken up this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Disease Surveillance Programme has been initiated in five pilot districts (Gurgaon in Haryana, Alwar in Rajasthan, Mehsana in Gujarat, Alappuzha in Kerala and Kolar in Karnataka) and training to Rapid Response Teams (State and Districts) has been imparted in September-October, 1997.

(b) It is proposed to extend the Programme to other districts of the country in a phased manner depending upon the availability of resources.

(c) A request from Head of the Department of Microbiology, Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal has been received.

(d) The regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal is proposed to be included in the net-work of laboratories under the concept plan of the disease surveillance system in India.

Steps taken to bring back Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir

1003. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to bring back the Kashmiri Pandit migrants back to Kashmir Valley and the results thereof after the installation of popular Government; and

(b) the details of the steps Government are taking to mitigate the suffering of such migrants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) The State Government has informed that the matter of safe and honourable return of migrants to their native places in the Valley is of top-most priority for the State Government. The State Government is drawing out an action plan for the return of the migrants. State Government has constituted an apex level Committee under the Chairmanship of Revenue, Relief and Rehabilitation Minister, and a sub-Committee headed by the Financial Commissioner (Planning & Development), to draw up an action plan for return of migrants to their homes in the Valley and to examine the problems of all categories of migrants. An Interim Action Plan was submitted by the Sub-Committee in July 1997 which has not yet been finalised by the State Government. In the meantime, the cash relief, ration and other facilities being provided to the needy migrants are being continued. A special package of Rs. 6.60 crores for improvement of facilities in camps in Jammu is under implementation by State Government.

Involvement of People in Anti-Terrorist Operations

1004. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bomb blasts that have taken place in the Kashmir Valley after the installation of popular Government and the extent of loss of life and property, alongwith its comparison in the year prior to installation of popular Government; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to involve the people in anti-terrorist operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OR PARLIAMENTARY AFFARS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) A comparative table indicating the number of bomb blasts etc., loss of life and